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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS IN THE YEMEN
ARAB REPUBLIC

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1. YEMEN ISRAEL BOYCOTT OFFICE ESTABLISHED IN MIN OF ECONOMY
UNDER 1964 LAW DESIGNED TO BRING YAR TRADE PRACTICES INTO LINE
WITH 1951 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT DECISIONS. LAW PROHIBITS TRADE WITH
ISRAELI FIRMS OR WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES HAVING ISRAELI
SUBSIDIARIES. PERSONS CONTRAVENING LAW SUBJECT TO PRISON
SENTENCE OF TWO TO FIVE YEARS AND FINE OF YRLS 500 (ABOUT \$110).

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2. AT PRESENT, BOYCOTT OFFICE HEADED BY MIDDLE ECHELON FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL IN MINECON. THIS OFFICIAL USUALLY SERVES AS YEMEN REP TO CENTRAL ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICE IN DAMASCUS.

3. IN THEORY, DIRECTIVES FROM CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE ARE APPLIED LOCALLY BY YEMEN OFFICE. EXEMPTIONS ARE MADE FOR GOODS WHEN DEEMED IN "NATIONAL INTEREST". SUCH EXEMPTIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY SPECIAL IMPORT-EXPORT COMMITTEE HEADED BY MINECONOMY.

4. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, BOYCOTT APPLICATION IN YEMEN NOT RPT NOT PARTICULARLY RIGOROUS. SOME PRODUCTS OF FIRMS ON BOYCOTT LIST OCCASIONALLY IMPORTED INTO YEMEN WITHOUT HAVING FIRST GONE THROUGH MOTIONS OF SPECIAL IMPORT-EXPORT COMMITTEE EXEMPTION. AS ELSEWHERE IN AREA, MOST VISIBLE EXCEPTION IS LANDROVER PRODUCED BY BRITISH LEYLAND. THESE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IMPORTED INTO YAR, IN PART DUE TO BRITISH PRESENCE IN SOUTH YEMEN BEFORE 1967 AND IN PART DUE TO NECESSITY FOR LANDROVERS OR SIMILAR VEHICLES TO TRANSIT YEMEN'S ROUGH TERRAIN. NEW FORDS SEEN IN SANA INTERMITTANTLY HAVING BEEN PRIVATELY IMPORTED, AND CHINESE EMBASSY (PRC) DRIVES JEEP WAGONEER OF ALMOST ANTIQUE VINTAGE. IN SEPT, YEMEN ARMY TOOK DELIVERY OF THIRTY US-MADE JEEPS AS PART OF SMALL MILITARY IMPACT PACKAGE.

5. LOCAL BUSINESSMEN UNABLE RECALL ANY INSTANCE IN WHICH SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST ANY US OR FOREIGN COMPANY TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL BOYCOTT REGULATIONS. MANY BUSINESSMEN WOULD, IN FACT, WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL IN PRODUCTS OF FIRMS ON BOYCOTT LIST (COCA-COLA AND PHILCO-FORD PRODUCTS ESPECIALLY POPULAR) BUT USUALLY RECEIVE COURTEOUS REPLY FROM AMERICAN COMPANY ADVISING THAT TRADE CONTACTS HAD BETTER AWAIT FIRM'S REMOVAL FROM BOYCOTT LISTING.
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